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HAVING AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

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JP 04-020072 is a Japanese language document which includes an English Abstract. The US Patent No. 5,278,641 corresponds to JP 04-020072 and is respectfully submitted to substantially constitute an English language translation of JP 04-020072.

Applicant wishes to inform the Examiner of the following references listed on the present Japanese Office Action which were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2004: JP 3-073668, JP 62-30473, JP 5-328280, and JP 2-268075.

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